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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 455

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A RESOLUTION To recognize Mr. Henry D. "Hank" Pierce on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry D. "Hank" Pierce is one such person who has served with probity for nearly 33 years as a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce served his country with valor as a member of the United States Navy; and while stationed aboard the USS Cabildo, he participated in several beach assault landings, most notably "Operation Starlight" off the coast of South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Hank Pierce began his illustrious millwrighting career as an employee at the Agrico Chemical Plant in Blytheville, Arkansas; he later was employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority at the Hartsville Nuclear Plant where he began his political career by being elected to the position of Business Representative and Financial Secretary in June of 1981; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in this important position, Mr. Pierce was instrumental in Millwright Local #1544 becoming affiliated with the Tennessee AFL-CIO, and the Nashville Building and Construction Trades Council; and

WHEREAS, Hank Pierce served the NBCTC with probity as Vice President, in addition to playing an integral role in the merger of Millwright L.U. #1002 and L.U. #1357 into Mwt L.U. #1544, and was subsequently elected to the important position of Business Manager/Financial Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, On April 1, 2001, Hank Pierce retired as Chairman of the Middle Tennessee Carpenters and Millwrights Pension Fund; during his tenure, the Fund grew in value from \$500,000 to over \$20 million; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his estimable career, Mr. Pierce has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Henry D. "Hank" Pierce our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.